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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, EAID, CG

SUBJECT: NORTH SHABA MAIZE PROJECT - SECURITY CONSIDERATION

REFERENCE: STATE 118634

1. ON THE BASIS OF INR'S MEMORANDUM OF APRIL 17 AND OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE SECURITY RISKS INHERENT IN THE NORTH SHABA MAIZE PROJECT ARE ACCEPTABLE AT THIS TIME. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS ENTERED INTO OUR JUDGMENT:

- THE RELATIVE ABSENCE OF REBEL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA;
- OUR READING THAT LOCAL ATTITUDES ARE UNSYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE PRP;
- RELATIVE DISTANCE OF THE PRP CORE AREA FROM THE PROJECT AREA;
- INDICATIONS THAT THE GOZ IS TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE PRP;

AND -- OUR PLANS TO MINIMIZE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE PROJECT AND TO ASSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN. WE, OF COURSE, WILL MONITOR THE SECURITY CONSIDERATION CLOSELY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AND IF THE SITUATION DEGRADES TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL, WE WILL SO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF AID/W DESIGN TEAM SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD ON THE FINAL DESIGN WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES.

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3. WE WILL DEAL WITH THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE FISHING COOP

PROJECT AT UVIRA BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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